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**Information Disclosure Statement**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

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- ☒ PTO-1449 listing pertinent prior art references;
- ☐ Copies of the prior art references;
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The references are cited for their illustration of various apparatus or methods similar in scope, object or construction to the present invention. None of these references, however, describe, teach or suggest the novel invention described and claimed in the present application. Accordingly, applicant's invention as recited in the claims of the present application is distinguished over the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed references be considered in the examination of this application and that their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

Respectfully Submitted,

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